

SENATE BILL 362

By Haile

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36,
Chapter 1, Part 1, relative to adoption.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-1-111(d), is amended by deleting subdivision (2) in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(2)

(A) A parent may, prior to the birth of an unborn child, file with a court of competent jurisdiction any documents or forms necessary to execute a surrender or parental consent under this section.

(B) A surrender or parental consent filed according to subdivision (d)(2)(A) is invalid and shall not be considered executed for purposes of this chapter prior to the birth of the child and the expiration of any applicable waiting period required by this part.

(C) After the birth of the child and the expiration of any applicable waiting period required by this part, a surrender or parental consent filed according to subdivision (d)(2)(A) that satisfies the requirements of this section is considered executed for purposes of this section immediately upon the expiration of the waiting period and without any additional action required by the filing parent.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.